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January 17, 2003

The Honorable W.J. (Billy) Tauzin
United States House of Representatives
2183 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representative Tauzin:

Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Association (WCTA) provides a full range of quality, reliable telecommunication services and products to communities in north central Iowa and south central Minnesota serving over 8,300 customers.

WCTA, like many other rural telephone companies, made investments in our telecommunications equipment to resolve the "telemarketing nuisance calls" when requested by our customers.

We call our service, "Telemarker Call Screening". I have attached an excerpt from our newsletter describing the feature, and also enclosed a brochure.

I am writing to *express* my concerns of the development of a national "do-not-call" database *list*, and the cost to individual carriers, such as WCTA, to maintain the database. Especially when I have already made an investment to provide a service to my customers to block telemarketing calls.

Why develop a "do-notall" telemarketing *list*, and create additional governmental *bureaucracies*, when there already is a means to block the telemarketing calls for customers requesting the service?

Sincerely,

Terry Wegener
General Manager

cc: Iowa Senators
Iowa Representatives
Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA
Don Erickson, OPASTCQ
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Winnnebago Cooperative Telephone Association

Telemarketer Call Screening

never fails ...

As soon as you sit down at the dinner table the annoying telemarketing calls begin. If you are tired of being interrupted by telemarketing calls, you need Telemarketer Call Screening (TCS) from WCTA.

**Stop annoying
telemarketer calls.**

TCS will help eliminate interruptions by intercepting telemarketers and instructing them to place you on their "Do Not Call" list, all without even ringing your phone! Other callers are asked to dial "1" or stay on the line to be connected. It's simple, easy and only \$2.75 per month,

Sign up today...

It's easy. Simply fill out the back side of this sheet and return it to WCTA.

1-800-592-6105

www.wctatel.net

704 East Main - Lake Mills, Iowa

I want Telemarketer Call Screening!

I understand that I will be billed a one time installation charge of \$12.00 and \$2.75 per month.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

Signature _____

(Required)

Date _____

Return to:

**WCTA
704 East Main
Lake Mills, IA 50450**

1-800-592-6105



Linking you to the World

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Tired of Racing **to** the **Phone** Only to Find **It's**a Telemarketer?

There **is** no doubt **that** telemarketing **calls** can **be** intrusive and **frustrating**, especially during dinner family **time**. WCTA's Telemarketer Call Screening **can** help put **an** end to annoying telemarketing calls.

Here **is** how **it** works: Most telernarketer calls are **delivered** as "Unknown". Telemarketer Call Screening **intercepts** these calls **and** plays **an** announcement stating:

"The **number** you have reached **does** not accept calls from telemarketers. If you are **a** telemarketer, please add this **number** to your "DoNot Call"list **and** hang up now. **Otherwise**, please press 1 **or** stay on **the** line **and** your call **will** go through."

The **best** part **is**, your phone doesn't **even** ring! Call **WCTA** today **at** 1-800-592-6105 to put an **end** to annoying telemarketers **at** your house. **It's** **fast, easy**, and only \$2.75 per **month**.